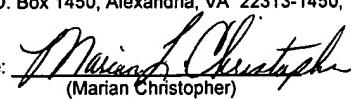




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### **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final rejection herein, mailed 4 April 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 4 July 2006. This submission is within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, thus entitling Applicants to expedited procedure. Claims 1-6 and 8-17 were considered allowable, but claims 7 and 18-22 were rejected. Applicants believe that the following amendment, comments and terminal disclaimer overcome all grounds for rejection.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.